

Senate Resolution 378

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Cagle of the 49th, Heath of the 31st, Williams of the 19th, Rogers of the 21st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Elliott Family as the First Family of NASCAR in Georgia; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Elliott Family's proud tradition of racing began in Dawsonville under the
4 tutelage and guiding hand of George Elliott; and

5 WHEREAS, owning his own race cars and a race track in Georgia, Mr. Elliott had been
6 involved with racing since the 1950's and bestowed upon his children his passion and
7 enthusiasm for this exciting sport; and

8 WHEREAS, George and Mildred Elliott always took an active role in their children's lives,
9 supporting their dreams and establishing the Elliott Family's 50 year relationship with
10 NASCAR; and

11 WHEREAS, George's young son Bill began to demonstrate at an early age a natural skill and
12 competitive racing instinct at Dixie Speedway in Woodstock; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1976, at the tender age of 20, and with the support of his parents and siblings,
14 Bill Elliott entered his first Winston Cup race and launched a career that would span decades
15 and include two Daytona 500 victories, the first win of the Winston million, the Daytona
16 Speed record, and the world land speed record set at Talladega; and

17 WHEREAS, Awesome Bill from Dawsonville, a modest, unassuming, and unpretentious
18 man, has become a household name in NASCAR racing and has been selected Most Popular
19 Driver an unprecedented 16 times, Georgia Professional Athlete of the Year twice, National
20 Motorsports Driver of the Year 14 times, and in 1998, was inducted in the Georgia Sports
21 Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, his brother, Ernie Elliott, built and continues to build the powerful engines that
2 put this remarkable family on the fast track to fame and served for 15 years as the crew chief
3 of this much admired team; and

4 WHEREAS, Dan Elliott lent his skills and expertise as a member of the pit crew and worked
5 with his brothers on their amazing cars; and

6 WHEREAS, the success of the Elliott Family is built upon teamwork and the close bonds of
7 these loyal and hard-working brothers who have set an enviable and valuable example to all
8 of Georgia's families; and

9 WHEREAS, it is virtually impossible to list all of the honors and awards this family has
10 garnered over the course of their amazing NASCAR legacy, but perhaps their most
11 acclaimed accomplishment is the support, love, and respect of racing fans.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
13 commend the Elliott Family for their outstanding contributions to the sport of racing and
14 recognize them as the First Family of NASCAR in Georgia.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
16 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Elliott Family.